

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-3016
720 Howard Road
Pikesville, Baltimore County
1925
Private

Constructed in 1925, this dwelling at 720 Howard Road is located in Sudbrook Park in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Sudbrook Park Historic District is significant as a small community designed and planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20th century. Known for his emphasis on nature, Olmstead designed Sudbrook Park with importance on curvilinear streets, large lots, and an abundance of mature trees and vegetation. The property at 720 Howard Road is the only property that did not have this restriction. It is the only dwelling in Sudbrook Park that is one story high and constructed in the Spanish Revival style.

This Spanish Revival dwelling, constructed circa 1925, is sited on a level grassy lot surrounded by trees, shrubs, and foundation plantings. A paved driveway leads to a garage to the rear of the property. The stucco clad house stands one story high and features a central entrance. The shed-roof vestibule contains a single-leaf vertical-board door. The façade is pierced with pairs of 8-light wood casement windows with 4-light transoms. The cross-gable roof is clad with terra cotta tiles and features a stepped parapet on the façade. Rising above the roof is one interior and one exterior-end stucco-clad chimneys. A 1970s garage is attached to the rear of the dwelling. The garage is two stories high and is capped with an off-center gable roof and has one roll-up vinyl door. The 1920s garage is wood frame and is clad with wood shingles. It has one roll-up light and panel door and is capped with a front-gable roof. The roof is clad with asphalt shingles and features exposed roof rafters.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.

BA-3016

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

~~720 Sudbrook Road~~

other

2. Location

street and number 720 Howard Road

not for publication

city, town Pikesville

vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sylvan D. & Shirley Michaelson

street and number 720 Howard Road

telephone

Not Available

city, town Baltimore

state

MD

zip code

21208-4722

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

tax map and parcel: 78, 420

city, town Towson

liber

3137

folio

539

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category

- ☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

- ☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Current Function

- ☐ agriculture
☐ commerce/trade
☐ defense
☒ domestic
☐ education
☐ funerary
☐ government
☐ health care
☐ industry
☐ landscape
☐ recreation/culture
☐ religion
☐ social
☐ transportation
☐ work in progress
☐ unknown
☐ vacant/not in use
☐ other:

Resource Count

Contributing

Noncontributing

- ☐ buildings
☐ sites
☐ structures
☐ objects
☐ Total

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1925 ca.

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates 1925 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Known for his emphasis on nature, Olmstead designed Sudbrook Park with importance on curvilinear streets, large lots, and an abundance of mature trees and vegetation. The houses in Sudbrook Park were designed with several deed restrictions. The structure was required to be sited forty feet back from the street and ten feet from neighboring property lines. The height of each property was to be three stories and the styles allowed were rural and not urban.⁽¹⁾ The property at 720 Howard Road is the only property that did not have this restriction. It is the only dwelling in Sudbrook Park that is one story high and constructed in the Spanish Revival style.

ENDNOTES

1. Sudbrook Park Historic District Nomination, National Register of Historic Places (Washington, DC: NPS, 1973).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.467 acres

Acreage of historical setting 0.467 acres

Quadrangle name Baltimore West

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling at 720 Howard Road is located in Sudbrook Park Historic District in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 78 parcel 420 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared By

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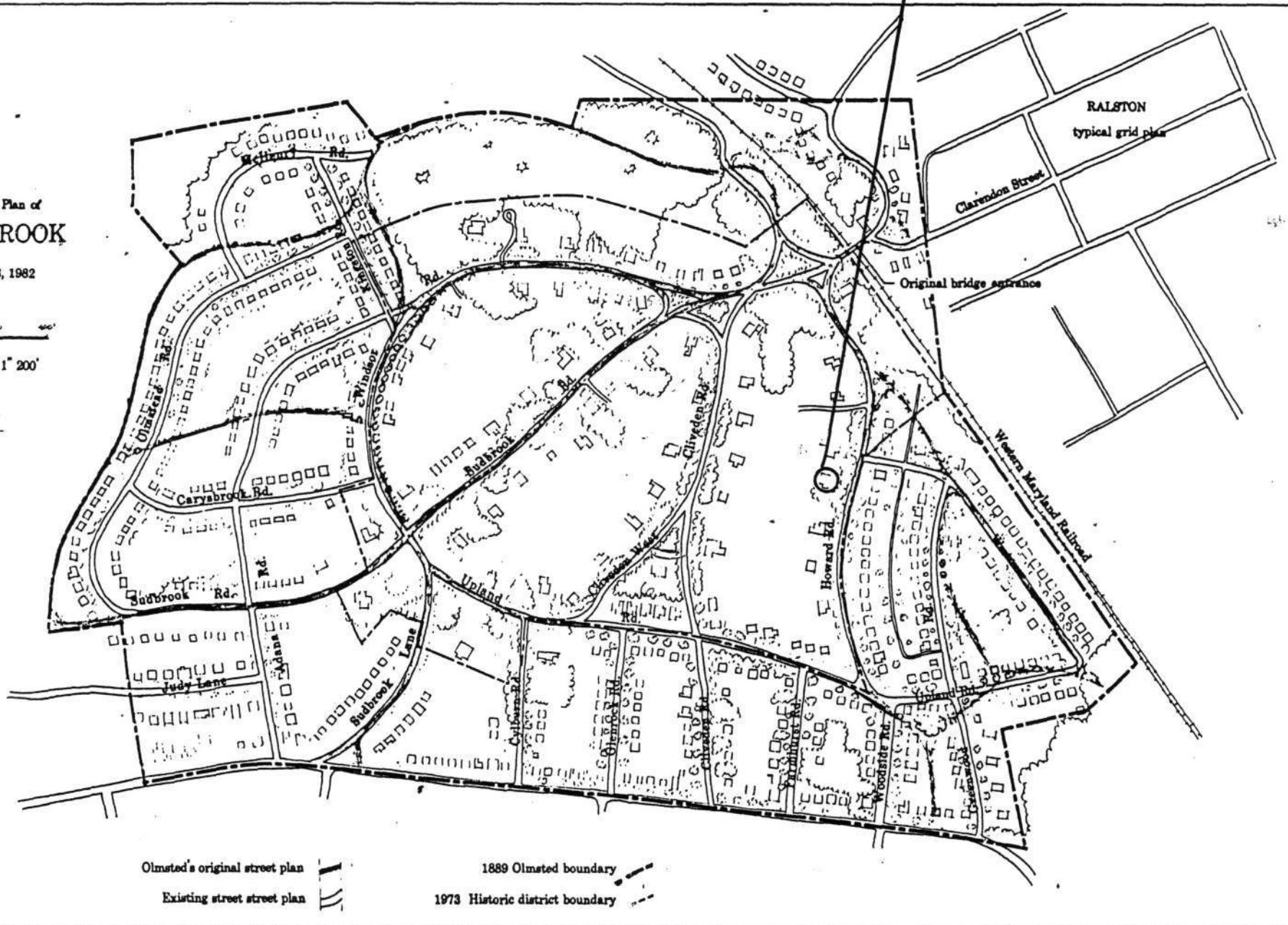
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720 Howard Road
Sudbrook Park Historic District
Pikesville
Baltimore West, USGS

General Plan of SUDBROOK

July 28, 1982

Scale: 1" = 200'



Olmsted's original street plan

Existing street street plan

1889 Olmsted boundary

1973 Historic district boundary

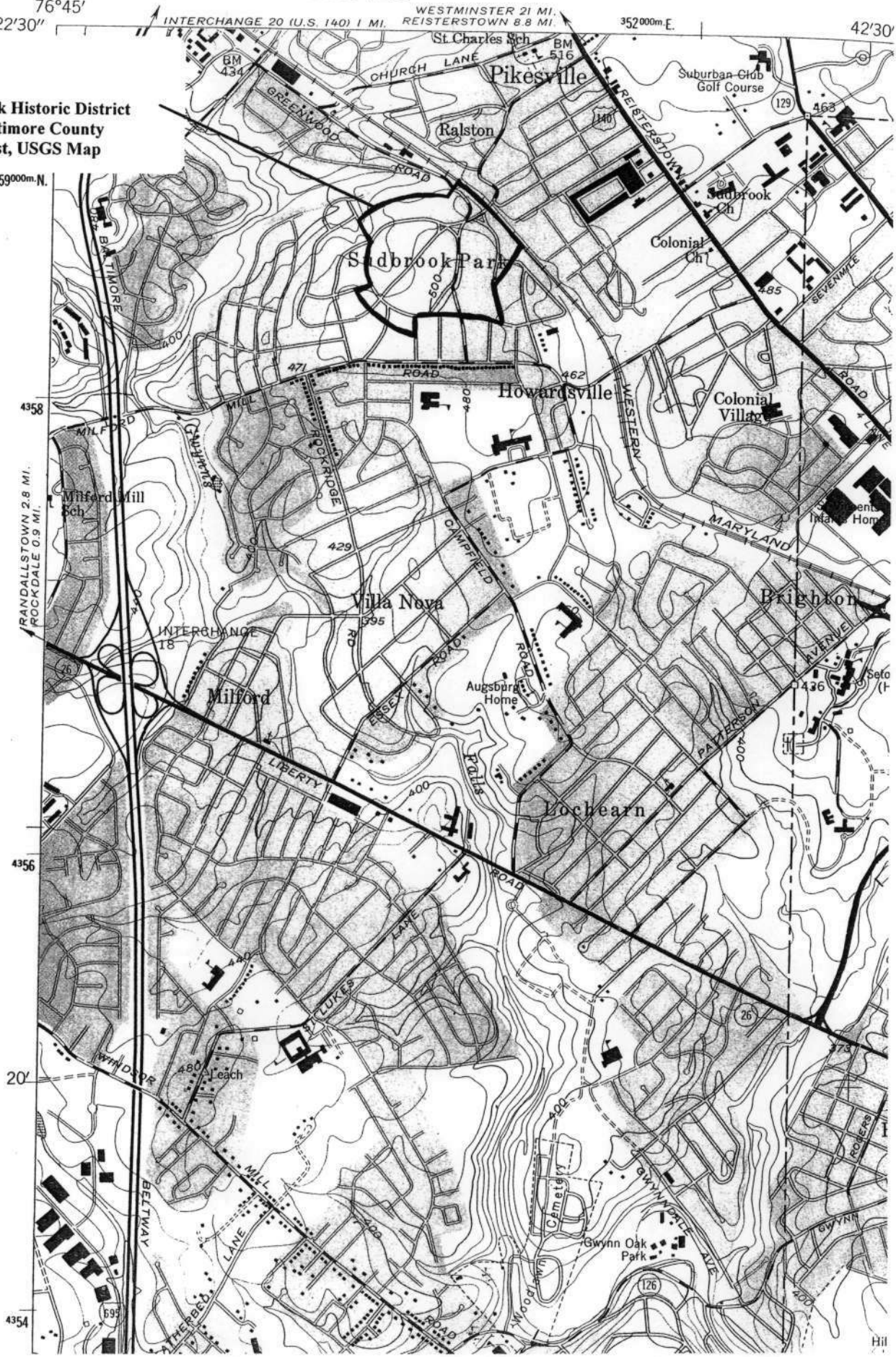
5662 IV NE
(REISTERSTOWN)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Sudbrook Park Historic District
Pikesville, Baltimore County
Baltimore West, USGS Map

76°45' 39°22'30" INTERCHANGE 20 (U.S. 140) 1 MI. WESTMINSTER 21 MI. REISTERSTOWN 8.8 MI. 352000m E. 42°30'

4359000m N.





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720 HOWARD ROAD

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HOUSE, EAST ELEVATION

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HOUSE, SOUTHEAST CORNER

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HOUSE, NORTHWEST CORNER

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GARAGE, EAST ELEVATION

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